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Sir:

In accordance with MPEP 609 and 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants bring the attached references to the Examiner's attention and request that they be considered and made of record in this application. Also attached is a completed PTO-1449 form.

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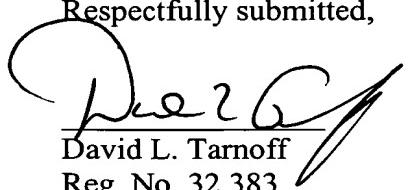
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French Patent Publication No. 2,036,502 discloses a sealing ring in Figures 7 and 8 which has a partial flattened S shape.

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French Patent Publication No. 2,800,147 discloses a metallic sealing ring having a pair of curved sealing surfaces 15 and 16 with a frustoconically shaped portion extending therebetween as seen in Figures 1 and 2.

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